

School supply give

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The Pahokee Church of God; 245 West 3rd Street, next to Thriftway on Rardin Avenue, will be having a back to school supply give away. The event will be Saturday, August 11 from 11 am. until all the supplies are wone.

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Parents are urged to
ome and bring their children.

CPR and First Aid

CPR and First Aid courses offered
The American Roll Cross Glades Area Branch is holding a CPR and First Aid course on Saturday August 19 at the branch office, 195 U.S. Highway 27 South, South Bay.
The certification course gives participants a one

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and a three year certification in First Aid. For more information contact the Red Cross office at 992-9703.

Fun Day

Men On the Serious Side are sponsoring a Back to School Fun Day on Saturday, August 12 at Tanner Park in South Bay.

School supplies will be games and activities and ford and drinks. The event will take place from 10 am until 3 pm.

For more information, call Jeffrey Henry at 996-8464 or Mike Cromer at 924-2956.

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School supplies will be
given to local children on
August 12 beginning at 8
a.m. at Shiloh Missionary
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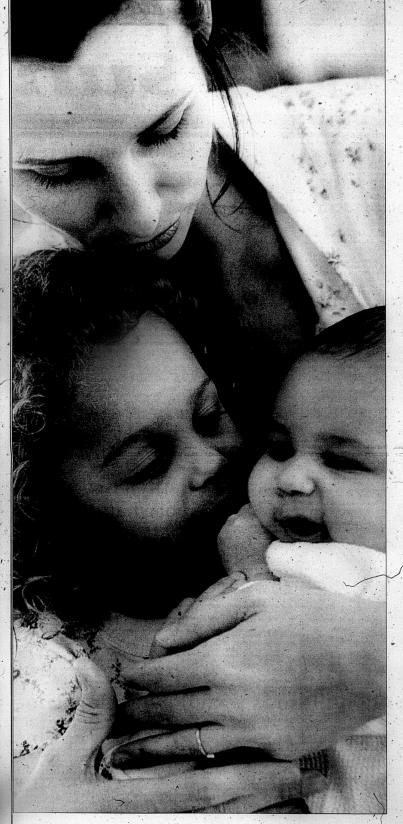
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Grilling a popular choice for low-fat summer cooking method but it demands atten

foods on the barbe-cue is popu-lar in Florida year-round. For those con-cerned with fat fat con-

Cooking on a grill can reduce the need for added fats and even cook off some of the fats in the meat.

"The Barbecue Bible" by Steven Raichlen offers the following "ten commandments for perfect

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1. Be organized. Have everything you need for grilling the food, marinande, basting sauce, seasonings and equipment - on hand and at grillisde before you start grilling.

2. Gauge your fuel. There's nothing worse than running out of charcoal or gas in the middle of grilling. When using charcoal, light enough to form a bed of glowing coals three inches larger on all sides than the surface area of the food you are planning to cook. When cooking on a gas grill, make sure the

tank is at least one-third full.

3. Preheat the grill to the right temperature. Grilling is a high-heat cooking method. How high? At least 500 degrees Fahrenheit. When using charach let it then util it is concoal, let it turn until it is covered with a thin coat of gray

When using a gas grill, preheat to high; this takes 10 to 15 min-

utes.

4. Keep it clean. There's nothing less appetizing than grilling on dirty old burnt bits of food stuck to the grate. Clean the grate twice: once after you've preheated the grill and again when you have finished cooking. The first cleaning will 5. Keep it lubricated. Oil the grate just before placing food on top, if necessary. Spray it with oil (away from the heat), use a folded paper towel soaked in oil or rub it with a piece of bacon, beef fat or chicken skin. 6. Turn, don't stab. The proper way to turn meat on a grill is with tongs or a spatula. Never stab the meat with a carving fork -- unles syou want to drain the flavor-rich juices onto the

the recipe for the type of marinade or baste you are using. Sugar-based barbecue sauces

remove anything you-missed after your last grilling session.

5. Keep it lubricated. Oil the in these sauces can burn easily in these sauces can burn easily and should not be exposed to

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8. Keep it covered. When cook-ing larger cuts of meat, keep the grill covered tightly. Every time yee lift the lid, you add 5 to 10 minutes cooking time.

9. Give it a rest. Grilled meat will taste better if you let it sit for a few minutes before serv-ing. This allows the juices.

ing. This allows the juices, which go to the center of the meat during high-heat cooking, to redistribute. The result is a

tastier, juicier meal. 10. Never desert your post. Grilling is an easy cooking

tion. Once you put something on the grill, stay there until it

is cooked.

For safe grilling, read and follow the recommendations provided by the grill manufacturer. If you no longer have these
directions, the Florida Department of Consumer Serviment of Consumer Service offers a number of publications

dealing with cooking safety.

Before making any changes in your diet, check with your docif you are on prescription medications. Some foods that would tor. This is especially important otherwise be considered healthy can interact badly with prescription drugs.

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on the curve.
BoBo's Harley slipped and slid.

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"I'm about five minutes out with a 44 year old victim of a head injury from a motorcycle accident

There was from the ER staff. They had just finished working a trauma patient, having wheeled the trauma stretcher back from the

Surgery OR just a couple min-utes before this call.

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"He's been unconscious since the accident, the only obvious trauma is to his head and some shoulders. His Glasgow score is only three. Blood pressure is 170 over 90, pulse 70, respirations only about 10."

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Emergency physician Tammy
Cortez took a deep breath. The
entire team began pulling on
their gowns, gloves, and face
shields again. Emergency
nurse Phil and a technician
checked the monitoring equipment; everyone else stood
silently in Trauma 3, waiting
for this next patient.

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"Probably another guy with no helmet," Phil said while shak-ing his head. He had been the ER nurse in charge in the trau-ma suite during the past five motorcycle accidents. The entire trauma team was weary; there was this vulgar sense of repetition. It was a recurring bad dream...but, they were pro-

"I suppose he had no head pro-tection," Cortez said as the paramedic slid BoBo onto the trauma stretch

"Course not," the paramedic said as she handed an IV bag to a nurse. "He hasn't moved or made a sound since we got to him. He really wasn't going that fast, but his head...well,

that fast, but his neau...wes., you know."
While three nurses connected wires to BoBo's chest, drew blood from his arm, and insert-ed a tube into his bladder. Cortez moved quickly up toward BoBo's head. Although she was focused on his nose and routh and lungs initially, she mouth and lungs initially, she couldn't help but notice the blood coming from both ears, and the deep dent in the top of

his scalp. "I don't like his respiratory pattern. Let's get him tubed now."
Cortez took the lighted metal
larygoscope and plastic endotracheal tube from the nurse. After suctioning some saliva and blood from BoBo's mouth, and blood from Bobo's mouth, she slid the scope in toward his trachea. She moved quickly, but very carefully. Bobo's head and neck had to be kept per-fectly still, since there was also the possibility of an injury to his neck. "I'm in." Cortez stepped back,

allowing the Respiratory Therapist to move in and begin squeezing oxygen into BoBo's lungs through the plastic tube. Just outside the doorway, a commotion could be heard, then a man shouted, "I just want to see how he is!" One of BoBo's riding buddies peeked in through the doorway. He caught the attention of

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"He's not doing very well, Sir." She tried to use a calm tone. "He has a bad head injury."
"Oh, no! No!" The friend backed out of the doorway. As he hur-ried off, he added, "I gotta get ahold of his wife." Satisfied that there we

obvious injuries to BoBo's chest or abdomen, Cortez resumed her close examination of his head, and of what brain func-tion still remained in this batcranium As the neurosurgeon walked in,

Cortez shot a frustrated look his direction.

"Another guy with no helmet," she said. "His long hair wasn't much protection," she added sarcastically.

As the neu surgeon finished a uick check of BoBo's neurolog-c status, he scowled and backed away from the bed.
"I doubt that there will be much left to salvage in there," he said in a matter of fact way. "But, we'll see what the CT scan looks like before we start talking about whether he's dead or not."

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As he left the room, he added,
"How many is this, six this

week?"
As BoBo's bed rolled toward the
CT scan room, Cortez looked
down and swore quietly. She
was feeling the frustration,
almost rage, of the ER team that had to confront these traumas every day. Even though it had been three months since the repeal of the helmet law, there was still a sense of disbe-lief every time another BoBe What an idiot!" Phil chimed in

Just then, a woman appeared in the doorway to the room. By the look of horror in her tearfilled eyes, everyone knew that this woman must be BoBo's wife, and that she must have heard that last exchange of words.

Each year in this country, more than 2,200 people are killed in motorcycle crashes, and anoth-er 55,000 are injured. On the basis of miles driven, studies have found that a motorcyclist is 16 times more

an automobile driver. Wearing an effective, approved motorcy-cle helmet reduces that risk of death by almost one-third. For those who live, hospitaliza-

tion costs average about \$3,000 higher for motorcycle crash vic-tims who were not wearing hel-mets, compared to victims who were helmeted at the time of their crash.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Flori-da College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcep.org

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The closing program will be Sunday, August 13 at 7 p.m. It will be a musical event for the whole family. The SonZone Dis-

whole family. The SonZone Dis-covery Center Vacation Bible School begins August 7 and continues through August 11. It will be at the Belle Glade Alliance Church, 425 East Canal Street North from 6:30 \$0.8:30 p.m. It is open to Grade K through Grade 5. For more information, call

996-9914.

Registration at Gove

Gove Jementary School will be holding fall registration through Tuesday, August. 15 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. daily. Only a parent or legal quardian may register a stu-dent and sign the registration form.

Students entering kinder arten and students new to the tem must present the follow-ing: Proof of residency, which must be in the legal guardian's name. Acceptable proof of resi-dence includes any utility bill. Proof of immunization on HRS form 680 (also known as the Blue Card). A recent physical examination. The child's birth

students' health records must be up to date before the

day, August 16.

Lake Shore Middle

School registration All parents/guardians will need to register 6th,7th and 8th grade students for the 2000-2001 school year at Lake Shore Middle School. Regis-tration will be held at the new school on Aug. 11 and 14 from 9 a.m. - 4 pm and Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. - 7 pm. in the careeria. All sixth grade students will need to present a HRS 680

Immunization Form (Blue

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High School gristration will
take place for new '9th grade
students from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
on Thursday, Aug. 10.
On Friday, Aug. 11, all students can register from 8 a.m.
to noon. These registrations
will take place in the Guidance
Suite

Ninth grade registration will Ninth grade registration will take place in the Media Center on August 10. Parents are encouraged to accompany their new 9th grade students to reg-istration and to participate in one of the orientation sessions. Session one will begin at 11 a. and sessionit two will begin at 6 p.m. The orientation sessions will provide both student and p.m. The orientation sessions will provide both student and parent vital information necessary to facilitate a smooth tran sition for all new 9th graders All updated physical and

immunization records should be brought to registration. Complete medical records are required to be on site by law for rmanent school attendan

School I.D. pictures will be taken at a cost of \$2. All stu-dents are required to wear their I.D. cards when on school

SHIP Spirit 2000 Conference

cond annual S HIV Intervention Project, SHIP Spirit 2000 conference in the Glades, hosted by Glades General Hospital, will feature Dr. Allan Noonan, MD, MPH, Senior Advisor with the Office

of the Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington D.C. Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11

a.m.-3 p.m. . . Other guest speakers during the conference include Rev. Dr. George E. McRae, Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Miami, Rev. Marilyn Usher, Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Miami and Dr. Betty Baker of the C.L. Brumback Health Center, Belle Glade. For more information, please contact SHIP coordinator Alyx Schaffer at (954) 467-4747.

Free HIV tests will be given at Inspirational Church of God, South Bay, courtesy of Glades Health Survey; at Mt. Zion AME in Belle Glade, courtesy

AME in Belle Glade, courtely
of the C.L. Brumback Health
Care Center: and the focation
to be announced in Pahokes,
courtesy of Comprehensive
AIDS program. Refreshments
will be provided at all three
sites courtesy of the Palm
Beach County Health Care District

Class of 1991

There will be a meeting for Glades Central Class of 1991 on Sunday, Aug. 13 at 4 p.m. at Pioneer Park pavilion. Classmates are urged to attend and bring ideas for the

10 year celebration.

For more information call Dionne Tolbert at 996-4574.

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PAHOKEE

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL PATIENTS:

ALL PATIENTS:

Due to corporate restructuring, Dr. William Richiratem, D.O. is pleased to announce the association of another health-care provider that will be available for general medical care in our Okeechobee and Pahokee offices. Our Okeechobee office may relocate to a smaller facility in town. The doctor and/or nurse practitioner will be available from Monday-Friday. Dr. Richardson will be available from Monday-Friday. Dr. Richardson will be available from Monday-Friday. Dr. Richardson will be available on selected weekends by appointment for cardiology caree. Room of their medical records, please come to either office by September 4, 2000. The expected date of the arrival of our new primary care provider is September 1, 2000.
For more information, please contact either office.



OPINION PAGE

Feel strongly about local issues?



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INVITES YOU TO SPEAK OUT! (561) 996-6636

Speak Out is our 24-hour opinion line.

196-6636 to express your opinion or ask questions about public issues.

red to give your name. While we want you to speak out freely, the newspaper reserves

the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

City employees did deserve

City employees did deserve their raises

I am writing in regard to the Speak Out recently in which the writer said city employees did not deserve a raise. He mentioned no employees went beyond their duties because there was trash on the roads, garbage cans attended over and lights that need fixing. Also, that the money should have been used to pay someone to go to the park and supervise children while playing games.

I agree it would be great to have supervision in the parks, but people need to take care of their own children. If they are young and in the park, a responsible person should be with them anyway. If they are playing in the streets, where are the parents?

Strye employees deserve a raise just like anyone else. I don't like my trash cans being tossed all over either, but because a garbage man does not do his job properly, are the other employees supposed to be penalized?

The policeman who is called out in the middle of the night (leaving his family) to help find that missing child, or because of a grizzly murder or a robbery, is also a city employee. So is the fireman who is called out at any time to a fire or the many emergencies that take place within our homes and work places. And most of the time, all you hear about is the time they took too long getting there, not the fact that they risked their own lives to do so.

The writer also stated the Belle Glade teen

The writer also stated the Belle Glade teer pregnancy rate is high and something should have been done with that money for that sit-uation. The answer to that is certainly not money. There is only so much the city can be held responsible for

The item regarding city water rates is omething I feel should be investigated. The ates are too high, in my opinion, and I would relcome a change there.

rates are too high, in my opinion, and I would welcome a change there.

I am not a city employed, but I am a citizen of Belle Glade and have been for many years. While I have seen a lot of changes here that are not what I would like to see, the between the hear criticism such as that Speak Out. If the writer would care to check into it a little further, he will find there have been many areas in the city that went without pay increases, many times. They have families to support and bills to pay, just like anyone else. Thanks for letting me have my say."

Stopping for trains
"I'd like to know why, by state law, school
buses and Palm Tran buses, must come to a
complete stop at railroad crossings? What is
the purpose of completely stopping when you
can see way in advance that there are no

oncoming trains?

You can hear these trains coming and the

You can near trees trains coming and the bars normally come down.

This is very time-consuming, especially if you are running late or need to be somewhere by a certain time. I understand this is a public safety issue, but if they are going to make the bases for why not care?

the buses stop, why not cars?

Think about it. There have been many more cars that have run into trains than school buses. I just want to know the point because you can see ahead of time so why stop com-

Editor's note: I believe you answered your own questions when you said "more cars have run into trains than school buses," and "The bars normally come down."

Abandoned buildings
"I'm a social worker in Belle Glade and I know some of the needs of the people in Belle Glade.

Glade.

I did my homework. I drove around Belle Glade. I drove down Avenue D, there is an abandoned building. I drove down Southwest 9th Street, there are four. I drove down Southwest Avenue B, there is another-abandoned building. I drove down Southwest Avenue B, there is another-abandoned building. I drove down Southwest doned building. I drove down Southwest Avenue C Place, there are two abandoned buildings. On West Avenue A, there is another abandoned building. I drove down 5th Street, the place they call the COPS station. Street, the place they call the COPS station, where the new police station is, there are two-abaindoned buildings there and beside the old bar there are two more abandoned buildings. The city needs to contact the owners of these buildings to tell them to tear the buildings down. The city could purchase one of those and start a homeless kitchen.

I'd be willing to donate my time on Saturday and Sunday morning and evening. I will use my own money if the city will supply the utilities.

Commissioners, mayor, please ride down in the black community. See how the peeper are

Commissioners, mayor, piease rige down in the black community. See how the people are living, and you want to charge them all that high water bills. Some citizens are sleeping on the street, in buses, in old, abandoned buildings. These used to be productive citi-zens. Some fell on hard times, some don't have employment. Those are our citizens. have employment. Those are our citizens. Come and see what Belle Glade is overlook-

Whoever made that decision to give the employees \$50 for each year they have been employed for the City of Belle Glade, they didn't weigh the opinion of the people in Belle Glade. They could have opened up a homeless kitchen, did things for the citizens of Belle

Speak Out continues on Page 5

" YOU'D BE A NERVOUS WRECK TOO IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER TO BELIEVE YOUR BEAUTICIAN OR THE TABLOIDS.

Value fathers for nurturing, not genes or dollars

Father's Day may spotlight fatherhood, but dads are invisible men the rest of the year when it comes to being recognized as nurturers and caregivers' for their children, says a University of Florida researcher. Too often the legal system appreciates fathers only for their research are the december of the property of

Too often the legal system appreciates fathers only for their genetic input and economic contributions, said Nancy Dowd, a UF law professor and expert in family law. In her new book "Redefining Fatherhood," scheduled for publication by New York University Press in August, Dowd argues that parenthood for men should be redefined as nurturing rather than being thought of in biological or economic terms. "Fatherhood means doing," she said, "It doesn't mean paying, it doesn't mean begetting, Yet society's notion of what it means to be a father in terms of what we legally require and support

society's notion of what it means to be a father in terms of what we legally require and support conforms with the classic definition of the father as breadwinner, not the father as caregiver." One of the biggest barriers to male nurturing is society's work structure, which makes it diffi-cult for all parents to parent but is particularly bised in face of most working means and under bised in face of most working means and

cult for all parents to parent but is particularly biased in favor of men working more and women parenting more, Dowd said.

Traditionally men have been employed in a different range of jobs that pay more than women's work, and they may be reluctant to spend more time with their children if it means jeopardizing the family's income, she said.

To change that would require rethinking every single workplace to try to determine whet an appropriate balance is between being ag good worker and being a good parent. Dowd said.

"Unless we resolve some of the economic issues, we will never be able to open the door to chinking in more significant ways about nurturing, because care giving will always be overridden by the need for additional family income, she said.

To assure that all families have sufficient income while they parent, some sort of family

support system must be implemented, possibly modeled after Social Security benefits for wid-owers, which permits a combination of part-time work and family care, Dowd said. Instead, society has headed toward having

work and raminy care, Down said.
Instead, society has headed toward having every parent employed full-time, she said. Other improvements Down suggests include expanding parental leave policies to allow fathers and mothers to take time off work to care for sick children, attend school conferences or be present at well-child doctor visits.
"It would require imagining that both men and women could be significantly involved with their children," she said. "We do not currently have a work structure that functions that way."
Also necessary is a "cultural overhaul in our ideas about fatherhood; she said.
Such a social change must be propelled by intensive public education of the kind than changed attitudes about drinking, smoking and safe sex, Dowd said. Educating men about fatherhood is essential to change the pattern of men's involvement in child care, she said.
More is expected of fathers today, but the pro-

men's involvement in child care, she said.

More is expected of fathers today, but the proportion who split child care responsibilities 50-50 with their wives or are the primary caregivers is minuscule. Dowd said. Throvloved' fathers often turn out to be still secondary parents, with true 50-50 equal sharing quite rare, she said.

ents, with true 50-50 equal sharing quite rare, she said.
"It's certainly not because men can't parent as well-se women," she said. "When men are put in the position of being the sole or primary caregiver, they parent just as well as women do."
Men who have the strongest connection to children live in the same household as their children and have a positive relationship with the children's mother, Dowd said.
"Although, social expectations have changed and we speak of equality, our practice is that fathers are secondary and back-up nurturers," she said.

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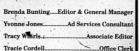
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Speak Out/from Page 4

Glade. I'm going to pray for everybody at city hall and you people up there, you have a blessed day."

Parental supervision.
Yes. I'd like to respond to whoever it was that voiced their opinion about city raises.
Whatever happened to parental supervision and keeping their kids entertained and things like that?

Sunspots/From Page 3 Registration/Open

Registration Open House at Glade View Glade View Elementary will hold registration on Aug. 10 and 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the cafeteria for Pre K through 5th grade. There will also be an open house on Aug. 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

For information call 993-

Adult programs to resume at Glades

Central
Glades Central Community
High School's Adult Education

High School's Adult Education, programs will resume Wednesday, Aug. 16.
Adult basic education, GED preparation, and English for Speakers of Other Languages classes will, be held Mondays through Thursdays 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Palm Beach Community College and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Glades Central.
PalmTran will continue running buses until 8:35 p.m. and child care will be available during evening classes.
High school credit classes for students who need to make up

students who need to make up failed courses will also be in session. Interested students should see their high school

guidance counselors.

Call 993-4404 for more infor

Singles Conference 200 The Inspirational Churchof God, 1905 S.W. 6th Aveyue, South Bay, is offering Sigles Conference 2000 on Augst 10-12 at the church.

The theme of the coference is "Enduring and Mouring in the Season of Single

Tinted windows

"This Speak Out is for the Pahokee Police Department. I would like for the chief to let us know why it is that the new

cars are having window tinting put on them?
I'm a little concerned because I feel if a police officer is going to stop me, I want to be able to see who is in that car.
I don't think, and I know a lot

of people are going to agree with me, that they should have tinted windows on their car. The singles conference is at 7

The singles conference is at 7 pm. nightly with a Singles Workshop on Saturday, August 12 from 8 am. to 1 pm. The cost of the workshop is \$5.

All singles interested in participating are welcome to attend. For more information, call 996-2434.

Seniors invited

Seniors are needed at the West County Senior Center. They would like to start or try to start a group called Relationship every. Thursday, mid-day 11 a.m. till

Everyone is welcome to par-ticipate in this event. This group deals with positive thinking, self esteem, self analysis, aging, and all the fac-tors involved in growth. For more information call 996-4808.

Reception for Area IV Superintendent and Area IV Director

The community is invited to a reception this after-tion, Chursday, Aug. 10, from to 6 p.m. for Barbara noon, hursday, Aug. 10, from 4 ty 6 p.m. for Barbara McGuinn, Area IV Superinten-det and Jack L. Thompson, Area IV Director. The reception will be at the Selle Glade Elk's Club, 300 S.E. Avenue E, Belle Glade For additional information, contact Carmen Canalles at Glades Community Develop-ment Corporation at 992-9500.

Open House at Lake Shore Middle

All parents and students are nyited to an open house at the ew Lake Shore Middle School

We don't know what they are doing inside their car. If they didn't have that, I wouldn't have a problem with this. Thank you."

Editor's note: Pahokee Police Chief Gary Frechette says patrol cars are not being retint-ed. He agrees this would not be a safe option on patrol cars since officers would need to see inside the cars to view prisoners they are transporting and for other safety reasons.

on Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 4 to 6

Everyone is invited to come and see the beautiful new facil-ity, meet teachers and pick up class schedules.

For more information, call ne school at 996-4975.

Open House at School

of Choice

West School of Choice will have open house on Monday, Aug. 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Registration for the school year will take place and par-ents and students are encourd to attend

Anyone with questions ca call Irma Woods at 924-6540.

Boys and Girls Club

Those parents or guardians who wish to re-enroll their child in the programs at the Glades Boys & Girls Clubs can do so from now through August 4, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Renewal inform taken at Lake Shore Civic Center for all current members at the centers and children who graduated to Lake Shore Middle School may renew their membership at the Teen Club.

membership at the Teen Club.
Open registration to fill remaining slots after the renewal period will take place at the Teen club from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the following places:
Thursday, Aug. 10 at Belle Glade Elementary; Friday, Aug. 11 at Glade View; Aug. 10.

11 at Canal Paint Elementary

11 at Canal Point Eleme and Aug. 10-11 at the Teen Club.

For more information, please call 992-5399.

Studying the world of prehistoric hurricanes



It is probably the amous apartment compurricane history. It Richeleau Apartments Richeleau Apartments of Biloxi, Mississippi, a three story building, home to 75 apartments, sitting just a few yards from the Gulf of Mexico. In 1969, Hurricane Camille produced a 25 foot storm surge that swent the Richeleau

produced a 25 foot storm surge that. swept the Richeleau Apartments into history. That storm surge destroyed the entire building, killing 11 people who refused to leave their hurricane party' in a third floor apartment.

In 1986, on a visit to Biloxi to talk to the survivors of Hurricane Camille, I stopped by what was left of the Richeleau Apartments. I could still see bits and pieces of the building, mostly bathroom tile, 17 years after Camille had come and gone

come and gone.

Camille was a monster, a category 5 hurricane producing

sustained winds of 175 mph. Thankfully, these powerful storms are rare. Just two category 5 storms have made landfall in the United States in the last 150 years. Hurricane history prior to 1850 is unreliable, yet a small group of scientists are looking for signs of hurricanes that predate recorded history. In a new branch of science called pale-totempestology, scientists have begun the search for prehistoric hurricanes.

That search takes place in T

ric hurricanes. That search takes place in lakes near coastline, where the storm surge from past hurri-canes may have deposited sand from the ocean floor. That sand entually settles to the bottom of the lake in a layer of sedi-

"There are no other high-energy events that would cause sand to be transported out into the middle of a lake," said Kam-biu Liu of Louisiana State

Kam-biu Liu of Louisiana State University, one of the first sci-entists to explore the world of prehistoric hurricanes. Liu began to look for sand layers in lakes across the southeast United States, including Western Lake in Florida. He drills into the lake bottom, removing cores of sedibottom, removing cores of sedi-ment ranging from one to 10 meters deep.
The organic matter within

the cores are then dated using radiocarbon analysis. The radiocarbon analysis. The results show sediment cores going back as far as 5,000 years.

Based on data from 16 lakes around the Gulf of Mexico, Liu concluded that category 5 hurricanes were much more cogmon 1,000 to 3,500 years ago. During that period, Liu says a major hurricane struck the Gulf-Coast five times more often than they have in the prest 1,000 mexico.

often than they have in the past 1,000 years. Combining all the data, Liu says a category 5 hurricane strikes the Gulf Coast once every 300 years.

every 300 years.
Liu has now taken his drill to lakes in Virginia and Massachusetts to continue his search for prehistoric hurricanes. And soon he'll be traveling to China where lake sediments and historical records will be combined into what Liu hopes will be the "longest tropical cyclone record in the world."

Along with filling in the

in the world."

Along with filling in 'the blanks of history, Liu's research should help scientists and insurance companies calculate a better estimate of severe hurricane frequency in the United States and other regions of the world.

Knowing the past should help us prepare for the future. It's too late for the Richeleau Apartments, but Liu's research

Apartments, but Liu's research may help prevent another help prevent anoth tment building fro apartment buil becoming famous.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

CRIME STOPPERS



Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Edward McKenzie, who is wanted for violation of conditional release on charges of robbery and rob-bery with a firearm. McKenzie is a black male 5°8" McKenzie is a black male 5°8"

tall, and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and sçars on both arms. His date of birth is April 13,

His last known address was His Jast known address well of Southwest Avenue B, Belle Glade. His last occupation was as a landscaper. His warrant was active as of August 1, 2000. If you know the whereabouts of Edward McKenzie, or any-

one involved in a serious crim call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to

Arrest Blotters

Editor's nee: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise tated. Arrestd persons who takes are found not guilty or have had the charges against them ropped arrecteome to the we kindo. We will confirm the information and print it.

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August 3 - Juvenile, 16, stalking: Juvenile, 13, trespassing on school property.

13, trespassing on school property.

August 4 - Stacy Wells, 24, strong arm robbery, battery on a law enforcement officer and petty theft; Juvenile, 16, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Lewis Heggs, 53, petty theft.

August 5 - Angel Cruz; 24, disorderly conduct; Jessie Christley, 48, loitering and prowling; Bobbie Rouse, 46, driving while under the influence; Dorothy Johnson, 34, failure to appearator arraigment on charges of retail theft and driving while her license was suspended.

of retail theft and driving while her license was suspended.
August 6 - Noe Margaritó, 32, domestic battery and resisting an officer with violence; Mario Bentitez, 24, resisting an officer with violence; Thomas Williams, 21, failure to violence; Thomas williams, 21, failure to suspear on charges of driving while license suspended/revoked; trespassing after warning and resisting an officer without violence; Erica Bledsoe, 27, two counts of violation of resistation.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made six arrests the week of July 30-August 5. Those arrested included:

July 30 - No arrests made July 31 - No arrests made August 1- No arrests made...
August 2 - Emmanuel Dixon, 46, shoplifting; Juvenile, 9, petty theft

August 3 - No arrests made. August 4 - Teldrin 1. Foster, 19, battery, Felton C. Glaze, 32, obstructing an officer. August 5 - Juvenile, 17, making a false report; Edwin Dennard, 37, burglary.

PAHOKEE The Pahokee Police Department handled 185 calls, issued 5 traffic citations and made four arrests the week of July 31-August 6.

Those arrested included:

July 31 - No arrests made.

August 1-Juvenile, 16, battery on a detention staff member.

August 2 Juvenile, 14, battery on a detention staff member and resisting arrest with

violence August 3 - No arrests made.

August 4 - John Doe, 30, throwing a deadly

missile into an occupied vehicle.

August 5 - Jane Doe, 26, aggravated assault and throwing a deadly missile into an occu-

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 10 arrests the week of August 1-7. Those arrested included:

Those arrests made.

Aug. 2: Emanuel Dixon, 46, Belle Glade, failure to appear felony retail theft.

Aug. 3: Emanuel Dixon, 46, Belle Glade, failure to appear felony retail theft.

Aug. 5: Telles D. Lawler, 23, Belle Glade, obstruction, resisting with wiolence; Simeon Antonio Richardson, 25, Davie, failure to appear, driving while license suspended, speeding.

Aug. 5: Andrew Curtis Washington, 35, Belle Glade, domestic battery; Mogina D. Smith, 36, South Bay, fraudulent credit card, forgery: Meme Alvardo, 23, Belle Glade, domestic battery; Morris Anthony Simplon, 29, Belle Glade, violation of probation driving while license suspended. Stephanie Harmon, 19, Pahokee, domestic battery. tion driving while license suspended; Stephanie Harmon, 19, Páhokee, doměstic battery.

Aug. 7 - Angelika E. Richards, 21, South Bay, aggravatéd assault.

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South Bay PD celebrates 'Night Out Against Crime'

By Tracy Whirls The South By Tracy Whirls
The South Bay Police
Department joined law enforcement agencies across the country
Tuesday night in observing
National Night Out, a unique crime/drug prevention event spon-sored by the National Association Watch

The "Night Out Against Crime" designed to:

•Heighten crime and drug pre-

vention awareness

Generate support for, and par-ticipation in, local anticrime pro-

Strenghten neighborhood spirit and police-community partner-

•Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighbor-hoods are organized and fighting

South Bay native and attorney Albin Robinson provided hamburg-ers, hot dogs, sodas and chips for a block narty style socker. ets, not togs, some and chips robotous.

Entertainment was provided by South Bay's Street Beat and South Bay Police Officer Michael Brown performed the rap song "Ghetto Bird" for the entertainment of the woung people in the crowd The young people in the crowd. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department was represented by bicycle patrol officer Ray Raby and officers who fingerprinted and pho-tographed children.

On a more somber note, South Bay Police Chief Danny Jones, Bay Police Chief Danny Jones, accompanied by his young son, Danny Jones, Jr. led the audience in a candlelight vigil in memory of Louise Walcott, 88, who was mur-dered in her NW 10th Avenue Apartment, by a suspect who reportedly told police he was high on crack cocaine when he robbed, sexually assaulted and murdered



South Bay Police Officer Michael Brown performed the rap song "Chetto Bird" for the entertainment of the young people in the crowd during South Bay's observance of "National Night Out Against Crime" Tuesday.

the elderly woman before setting fire to her apartment.

Chief Jones said the "Night Out"

Other Avenue, to encourage residents and business owners in the neighborhood to take pride in their uepartment's efforts to become increase and to discourage drug trafficking and other crime in the areamore community superited and to roganize community superited and to roganize community superited part to passed out literature and sign up combat crime. In May, officers from the department began deaming up become volunteer firemen, Crime Martin Luther King Blvd. and

upomming cutzens rune research in September. The department also issued Letters of Commendation and a Civilian Service Medal to twelve citzens who had gone "above and beyond the call of duty" in assisting the department or victims of crime. •On Saturday, Feb. 26, Arrabice Somiriez, was working on a

Ramirez was working on a Plymouth van when a block of wood holding up the van gave way. The van fell on Mr. Ramirez, crush-ing him beneath it. The full weight ing nim ceneath it. The full weight of the van was resting on the victim's left arm and chest. Several neighbors worked together and were able to lift the van off the victim and pull him to safety. "Although Mr. Ramirez sustained a tim and pull him to safety.

'Although Mr. Ramirez sustained a
broken arm and internal injuries
his life was undoubtedly saved by
the quick action of his neighbors'
said South Bay Police Chief and
said Public Safety Director Danny
Jones. The neighbors credited with
saving Mr. Ramirez's life are: Luis
Salinas, Valentino Florez, Volanda
Carolina Mendoza, Javier
Trovino, Tiodora Cardenas,
Carolina Mendoza, Javier
Ramirez, Hector Velasquez, Cecilia
Toledo, and Mariano Salinas.

"George Sandiford reseived the
Civilian Service Award for assisting friefighters with a large struture fire on April 21, 1999. Mr.
Sandiford hepled pull fire hoses
and spray water which put him at
great personal risk due to downed
over lines in the ava.

great personal risk due to downed power lines in the area.

*On June 3, after hearing a yell for help, Andrew Carey and Oswald Chung entered a residence that was on fire and helped two people escape further injury. The two first helped Mrs. Ruby Dawson out of the resident, then Mr. Carey was the desired that the hiraline house. nt back into the burn

asleep on the couch. The house suf-fered about \$10,000 in damage and was full of smoke. "Mr. Dawson and his mother would have surely been in further danger if it were

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South Bay PD to sponsor Glades first 'Citizen Public Safety Academy' Citizens who live and work in the

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not intended to make citizens impolice officers or firefighters, but for allow them to learn more adout public safety operations.

"Citizens will become informed as to the actual role of the public safety officer will benefit from the wealth of knowledge citizens can give about their commutanty," and South Bay Police Chief Damy Jones. The Citizen Public Safety Academy is our opportunity to show how serious our committy ment is to our community. While the safety officers will be safety attending the Citizen Public Safety Academy is our opportunity to show how serious our committy. t is to our community. While uding the Citizen Public Safety Academy, you will be involved in actual training sessions and will

ing of the police and firefighting functions. It is our hope that the participants in our Academy will develop an understanding of law enforcement and will be able to for-

enforcement and will be able to for-mulate responsible conclusions concerning police activities."

"The more information the pub-The more information the public has about the public safety department, the less fears will exist. Many conflicts are caused simple by a lack of understanding, and those cau, be avoided, said objet Johos it is our hope that sandures of the Citizen Public, Safety Academy will take their knowledge into the community, educate others when the opportunity arises, and make decisions

mity arises; and make decisions which affect the city and public safety department with heightened awareness and better understanding. Additionally, graduates become extra eyes and ears to the property of the control observe and report crimes or st cious activities throughout our

citzens who live and work in the city of South Bay as well as family members of police officers are eligi-ble to apply to the Academy and will be given first preference. However, we also encourage citi-However, we also encourage citi-zens within the Glades area, who do not fall within the above cate-gories and have an interest in law enforcement and firefighting to

A criminal record and driving status is checked on each appl cant. The South Bay Public Safet cant. The South Bay Public Safety Department reserves the right to deny acceptance to persons with a criminal history. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older.

How are the cl

conducted?
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or newly refurbished three bedroom glas Green, account executive for the use to own financing was arranged by Workforce Development, Lockheed Martin. The lease We Help Community Development Corporation, Inc.

ment of \$23,665 to the city of Belle Glade for building inspec-tion services. Initially, Mr. Jackson said, Belle Glade had billed South Bay for \$34,000 for the service, but he and May-or Clarence Anthony were able to negotiate a settlement, and pro rate the amount to be paid for the eighteen months the service was provided. Mr. Jack-

In other busin In other business, the com-nissioners authorized pay-nent of \$23,665 to the city of

Marketplace/From Page 1 scheduled a ride along with Marketplace/From Page 1
scheduled a ride along with a
company supervisor. He said he
has already received some calls
about trash containers that
need to be replaced, cans being
left in driveways and vegetation not being picked up as
soon as it should be.
Mr. Jackson said the contract
with the company will be up for
renewal or renegotiation in
2003.

inspector who inspects many substandard buildings in the

Glades, the most common prob-lem with old abandoned build-ings in the area are caused by years of neglect. Frame houses,

years of neglect. Frame houses, built on pilings, frequently suffer from extreme termite damage. He also finds buildings that have suffered from fire damage or wood rot. "In many cases, the property may be worth, less than \$40,000, but the renovation needed to make the house structurally sound might cog \$20,000. Most decide it's not worth it." he said.

The situation is slightly more.

Codes/From Page 1 Codes/From Page 1
example, you're allowed to have
one unlicensed vehicle your
yard, but it has to be next to the
house. If you but a second inoperable vehicle for parts, you
may be in violation. If you go on
vacation and forget to arrange
for lawn maintenance, with the
summer rainfall, you can quick
ly be out of compliance."
According to Dean Wells, a
Palm Beach County building
inspector who inspects, many

cers suspect may be structurally unsound, a referral is made to a building inspector with the Department of Building, Planning and zoning. Thus begins another process that may take several months?

"The inspector will inspect-the-building, and if he determines that the building is structurally unsound, hell post structurally unsound, hell post

mines that the building is structurally unsound, he'll post a red plaquard on the building declaring it to be unsafe.

•The inspector will open a file on the case and do a title search on the property, to identify all interested property owners.

Normally, this takes two to three weeks.

The building inspector will

send a notice to all interested parties that the building is un-sound. The property owner is given 30 days to respond to the building inspector's notice. With this notice, he will send

an appeals package, which ex-plains the property owner's op-

tions:

1) He can do nothing

2) He can do to the building up the building it up to code.

3) He can appeal the building inspector's determination to the country's Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, and hire a structural engineer to de-termine whether or not the building is structurally un-sound and what he must do to rectify any existing problems. The Board will then either de-

eral years in incubation before

\$20,000. Most decide it's hot worth it', he said:

The situation is slightly more complicated with concrete block buildings. "It's harder to condemn a building that's structurally sound. If it's a block building on a concrete slab, I can tell the owner it needs to be secured if its unsafe, open and accessible. If it's structurally sound, anything else is a code enforcement issue," he added.

In the case of derelict buildings that pade enforcement officide in favor of staff or the property owner or come up with its

Disease/From Page 1

son said the city had allocated \$15,000 per year for the ser-

In other business the com-

• Authorized the purchase and installation of a \$50,000 lime slaker for the water treat-ment plant from Chemco ment plant from Chemco Equipment Company. The equipment is not expected to be delivered for 12 months, and payment is not due until that

wn recommendations based on ne engineers recommenda-

"We try not to step on a

one's property rights," Mr. Wells said, adding that before the department will do some-thing so drastic as to order a

building demolished, it will make every effort to ensure

that the property owner's due process rights have been pro-

elf the property owner does nothing, the building inspector has already filed the condemna-tion recommendation with the courthouse. He will advertise the condemnation in the news-

paper. His next step is to order an asbestos survey of the build-ing by the Risk Management Department. This typically takes 30-45 days.

takes 30-45 days.

If there is no asbestos present, he can forward the condemnation order to the Palm Beach County-Facilities department, which will put the demolition out for bids. This may

**Ake 15-20 days.

Once the inspector has signed off on the condemnation order, and a vendor agrees to demolish the building, it could take up to six months before the

take up to six months before the building is torn down.
"The problem in the Glades is the cost is extremely high," Mr. Wells said, largely because any construction waste has be

hauled from the Glades area for disposal elsewhere. "The ven-dors don't like to mobilize for

asked the commission to authorize the purchase because existing equipment at the plant is in need of replacement, and when the purchase was proposed initially three years ago the price was \$40-\$42,000.

*Authorized the purchase of a \$1,690 Laptop Reporting Program from USA Software Inc. to be used by police officers to file their reports.

"The last thing the county wants to do is take a piece of property," Mr. Wells said, "Assiong as there is a structure, standing on the property, they receive more in taxes than they would a vacant lot. If the county gets the property they must maintain it, insure it and they receive no taxes on it. Then, by the time they can sell it at the

eir expenses." Weighted against the

may view the property of the problem as those in the county don't create as much of a problem as those in town in terms of transients living in them, or people doing drugs in them.

ics. That's why we keep changing code enforcement laws—something is aesthetically bad and now you have a code against it. If you stop and think against it. I your stop and thing about it, overgrown grass does n't do anything—it may harbor rats and snakes-but so does the cane field across the road—but your neighbor may not find it aesthetically pleasing."

any symptoms arise.

Thanks to mosquito control r. Trenschel said the dis-e can be six months to sev-Facts about Lymphatic Filariasis

How common is the disease? LF is one of the leading causes of permanent and long-term disability in the world. The Wridd Health Organization estimates there are a billion people at risk in about 80 countries. Over 120 million have al-

ple at risk in about 80 countries. Over 120 million have al-ready been affected by it and over 40 million of these are seri-ously incapacitated and disfigured by the disease. One third of the people infected with the disease live in India, one third are in Africa and the rest arely. South Asia, the Western Pacific and parts of Central and-South America. What causes, lymphatic filariasis? The thread-like para-sitic filarial worms that cause LF live almost exclusively-in humans. These worms lodge in the Jumphatic system, the net-work of nodes and vessels that maintain the delicate fluid bal-ance between the tissues and blood and are an essential com-ponent for the body's immune defense system. Each adult worm lives for four to six years in the system and the female source in the blood.

How is the disease transmitted? From person to person by mosquitoes. The mosquitoes bite infected humans and pick up the microfilariae from the blood. The microfilariae then develop inside the mosquito into the infective larval stage in a process that usually takes seven to 21 days. The larvae then migrate to the mosquitoes mouth, ready to enter the blood-stream of the next unsuspecting individual the mosquito bites.

bites.

What are the signs and symptoms? Swelling in the arms legs, breasts and genitals. Acute episodes of local inflammation involving skin, lymph nodes and lymphatic vessels. A grotesque hardening and thickening of the skin, known as elephantiasis.

and spraying in the United States, he said the infection is nearly impossible to contract

Published reports say the

Haitian girl visited the Belle Glade clinic in May of this year. Lab tests showed the girl had lymph fluid-in her urine. Dr. Roxanna Menendez became suspicious and contacted the CDC and it was determined CDC and it w

she had Lymphatic Filariasis. She is being treated with a drug called "DEC," short for diethylcarbamazine.

emylcarbamazine.

This was the first time the disease has been found in the Glades and, according to Tim O'Conner, public information officer for the Palm Beach County Health Department, the first case found in the Unit-



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Family presented keys to first home

A young couple now know the joy of home ownership, thanks to the efforts of We Help Com-munity Development Corpora-tion Inc.

tion Inc.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Monday, Aug. 7 at 1401 N.W. Avenue F. Belle Glade to present the keys to the 3 bedroom, 2 bath house to the Robinson family.

the Robinson family.

Dorothy Malker, executive director of We Help Community
Development Corp., said the
Organization has been in existence since 1997. In the past,
the organization has focused on
their shelter program, which
allows families to stay up to
four months. They also have a
Tood nature program.

food pantry program.

The Robinsons were the first family to participate in the lease to purchase program.

"This allows those who have problems with credit to still

wn their own home," said Mrs. own the Walker.

time, Mr. Jackson said. He asked the commission to autho-

file their reports.

one house," he added, prefer-ring to schedule several demoli-tions in the area at the same

the time they can sell it at pub-lic auction, they'll never recour

ests of the county, and the rights of the property owner, are the rights of adjacent prop-erty owners, and others who may view the property as an

Participants in the program go through a 36-month pro-gram on home ownership which also teaches them money

management.
Shirley Turner, chairman of the board, said, "This is an exciting time. Any time a family can have home ownership, we are proud. We all know that when we own something we when we own something, we treat it just a little bit better."

Commissioner Steve Wilson.
Douglas Green, account, executive for Workforce Development, Lockheed Martin, presented the keys to the family.
"Words can't express, what I'm feeling now," said Tresa Robinson. "This has always been our dream, to own our own home."
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wn home." "We Help Community Develtreat it just a little bit better."

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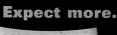
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New pastor joins Belle Glade's Community United Methodist Church

"Delightful" is how Dennis White describes the people of the Glades. Rev. White and his the Glades. Rev. White and his wife, Ann, moved to Belle Glade the middle of June to minister to the members of Community United Methodist Church.

Rev. White was born in Brattleboro, Vermont and moved to Bradenton, Florida in 1950, where he graduated

moved to Bradenton, Florida in 1950, where he graduated from Ballard Elementary, Bradenton Junior High, Manatee County High and Manatee Junior College. He attended the University of Florida to study aerospace engineering, graduating with a bachelors degree in 1963.

a bachelors degree in 1963.
After one year at the
University of Florida, he said
he couldn't stand the long separations from Ann, the young
lady and Florida native he
met at Manatee Junior
College, so they were married
that first summer in August of
1961.

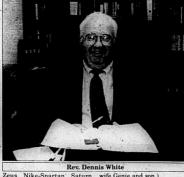
Upon graduation, he took a job with McDonnel-Douglas in Santa Monica, California. He worked there seven years on such projects as the Nike-

Glades Youth for Christ,

Glades Youth for Christ, under the leadership of Desmond Harriott, has been a group on the move during July. With little more than a 24-hour turnaround following a highly successful mission trip to Jamaica, 10 high school students of Belle Glade and Pahokee climbed aboard buses to join a hundred more young people from Palm Beach County to attend DC 2000 in Washington, D.C.

DC 2000 in Washington, D.C for four days.

The event was a spiritual rally drawing 22,000 from all over America, featuring



Rev. Den
Zeus, Nike-Spartan; Saturn
moon rocket and the Skylab.
During this time, the Whites
had three Children: Trudy
(now Trudy Downey, living in
Odessa, Texas with husband
Vonnie and three daughters),
Scott, (now living in
Melborne), and Trever, (now
living in Winter Haven with

major artists, musicians and mõiivational speakers in the Christian youth world today. The conclave followed a theme of Building Relationships, confronting issues that young people face in their everyday world. The emphasis was on personal evangelism and "getting real" with themselves and God.

wife Genie and son.)
The Whites moved to West
Palm Beach in 1970 when Dennis accepted a position with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. While at Pratt & Whitney, they built a home in Jupiter. It took three years to build their home, but the Whites said they only lived in

it for 10 months because in January 1974, God called Dennis into His ministry. The family moved to Decatur, Georgia and then on to Shannon, Georgia, where Dennis served Rush Chapel as a student appointment while attending Candler School of Theology at Emory University

Theology at Emory University in Decatur.

Ann continued her education as well, attending Berry College near Rome and receiving her Bachelor of Arts in elementary education one week before Dennis received his Master of Theology.

His first assignment in Florida was the Melrose/Florahome Circuit which he served for four years. This time resulted in the Florahome Church increasing from eight, to more

increasing from eight, to more than 30 in attendance. The than 30 in attendance. The Melrose Church increasing slightly but they also sent a core, group to form the Keystone Heights Church (now with over 400 members). In the White's second year att Melrose, the couple were blessed with twins as Wesley

Glades Youth for Christ attend DC rally the meetings.

Moira Konchellah said she participated in the 1997 D.C. Rally and knew she had to return this year for the valuable experience she would receive to meet the challenges as a new college student at Fisk University. She said she is grateful for receiving one of the scholarships, enabling her to go on the trip.

listen to what He has to say and to show them new things to enrich their lives. She said

to enrich their lives. She said she feels strengthened in her Christian life as a result. It was an exciting time of praise, worship and fun, said Mona St. Hilare, adding that her faith has become much stroager, giving her courage to witness to others.

Contributions from Glades donors made this trip possible. Each one of the youth thank all those who had a part in providing this memorable experience.

and Lesley were born. They have both now finished their studies at Valencia Community College in Orlando and Lesley has begun camp in Leesburg this summer and will begin studies at Stetson University in Deland in the

After Melrose, the family moved to the Mayo/New Harmony Charge for six years. They then made a 10 year stop in Davenport.

The couple then went to Broadway for Dennis' first work with an inner city church.

The Whites say they are now looking forward to working in the small town setting of Belle Glade.

*All,the people we have met so far are delightful and we look forward to a long and joyous ministry there," said Rev. White.

3X Blessed return to Miracle Temple Aug. 12

mixture of southern and country speale songs. The group, composed of Joe Velie, JoAnn Gibson and Clinton (Nick) Velie have been singing together in their home church choir for 18 years and in 1996, said God led them into the ministry of singing Southern Gospel music as a trio. About one year later they held their fist con-cert outside their home church and

SX Blessed, who performed at Miraclo Temple in Belle Clade last October, will return Saturday, Aug. 12 at 7 pm.

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Williams-Arline are wed

Willie Anthony Williams and Capol H. Arline announce their marriage, which took place Aug. 3, 2000 in West Palm Beach. Aug. 3, 2000 in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Williams is currently enrolled as a student chef at he Art Institute of Ft.

Mr. Williams is currently residing on Bacom Point Rd., Pahokee.

Lauderdale Culinary chool Mrs. Williams is office manager

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God. The Glades group was offered-a day of sightseeing and relaxation during the right stay but they declined, saying they didn't want to misst miss. She said she believes a single exciting session of **Obituaries**

James R. Eberle, former longtime Belle Glade Police Officer, died Wednesday, July 19. Mr. Eberle, 62, worked for the Belle Glade Police Department from 1971 to 1993 and retired as a detective and retired as a detective sergeant and handled all the department's polygraph test-

department's polygraph test-ing.

He and his wife, Darlene, moved to DeFuniak Springs, Florida in 1994. Mr. Eberle was a 32nd Degree Mason and a for-mer member of Everglades Masonic Lodge in Pahokee. He, joined the Walton County Shriners in DeFuniak Springs and was vice president of the American Ostrich Association for Northwest Florida.

Survivors include his Joving

or Northwest Florida.

Survivors include his loving wife, Darlene of DeFuniak Springs; five children, Mary Beth and Tim Pence of New

York, James Jr. and wife, Diana of New York, daughter Joyce and her husband Greg Glaze of Ohio, Tim and Joann Porter of Okeechobee and Tom and Eglicity, Porters of Felicity Porter, of Tennessee. Mr. Eberle also leaves to morn his passing 10 grandchildren. A memorial service was held



July 29, 2000 at the Good Samaritan Medical Center in West Palm Beach following a battle with cancer.

Mr. Mathis moved to Clewiston from South Bay as a high school sophomore and graduat-ed from Clewiston High School.

ships, enabling her to go on the trip.

Raynisha Perry said her

ed from Clewiston High School.
He attended school in Miami
to become a lab technician and
returned to Clewiston to work
at Hendry General Hospital,
leaving to take a job in the City
of Clewiston electrical department. He worked in all divisions of the utilities department and became the Utilities
Director, a position he held at

met by insurance. Mr. Mathis was a member of Mr. Mathis was a memoer or the Evangel Assembly 3f God where a funeral service took place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 1, 2000 with the pastor, the Rev. Ed Corley officiating, assisted by the Rev. Rod Ruby. Burial followed at Ridgelawn

Cemetery.
Survivors include his wife,
the former Gwendolyn Rudd, a seme ne worked in all divisions of the utilities department and became the Utilities Director, a position he held at the time of his death.

Mr, Mathis was a member of the BPOE Lodge 1853 of Clewiston and his brother Elsk had planned a benefit golf tournamant, barbecue and raffle at the Clewiston Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, August. 12.

The benefit will take place as a planned to help defray the tremendous medical costs not



milly of Norman Evan Pope, would like to express our deep accere gratitude to each of you who have reached out to us your love and corfish in whatever way you chose to do so at se of our deep sadness year the sudden passing away of we oppectate so very much your prayers, telephone calls, lowers, bettis, memorial gifts and other expressions of sym-turing this difficult time. May God bless each and every one

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Glades Central football coach resigns

By Tracy Whirls
Just two weeks after being
named head football coach at
Glades Central, Odexter
Mickey Freeman resigned last
Hrursday, following a disagreement with new Glades Central
Principal Detrick Manning concerning the coaching staff.
Mr. Freeman, a special education teacher at Glades Central,
could not be reached for comment. In published reports,
Coach Freeman said he had

already hire this staff and wanted to start the new coaches out
with the JV squad, rather than
make room on the varsity staff
this season.

Former defensive coordinator
Guillermo "Willie" Bueno, who
has been a Raiders assistant
coach for the past six years was
given the top alot.

According to Mr. Manning, he
had asked Coach Freeman to
add teachers Lamar Landing,
and Shawn Killets to the coach-

ing staff, not to replace existing volunteer staff members, but to give them an opportunity to prove themselves. "I told him I didn't care how many coaches he prove themselves. "I told him I didn't care how many coaches he had, that he didn't have to give them the top assignments," the principal said, "but to give them a strong look and see what they could do."

Mr. Manying, said being able.

Mr. Manning said being able to offer teachers coaching slots, and the stipend that goes with them, is an important recruit-

ment tool.

"We need to get good teachers, and they want to be able to do other things. These are some of the best coaches elsewhere in the state," Mr. Manning said.

Landing, a Belle Glade native and force release and coach at

Landing, a Belie Gläde native and former player and coach at Glades Day will be the defensive coordinator and Killets will coach wide receivers and defen-sive backs. Both came from Bartow, after spending four years at Okeechobee.



U.S. Census Bureau area coordinator Juanita Mainster presented South Bay City Manager Michael Jackson with an award in recognition of the city's assistance in com-pleting an accurate census count, particularly in under counted populations, this summer.

SHIP Spirit 2000 conference slated for Sept. 16

The second annual Senior HIV Intervention Project, SHIP Spirit Lord Conference in the Glades, hosted by Glades General Hospital, will fisature Dr. Allan Noonan, MD. MPH, Senior Advisor with the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C., Saturday, Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. to

3 p.m. Other guest speakers during the conference will include Rev Dr. George E. McRae, Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Miami; Rev. Marilyn Usher, Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Miami; and Dr. Betty Baker of the C.L. Brumback Health Centhr, Belle Glade.

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Nine-year old Leon Rolles of Pahokee shot a 50 and came in fourth in the 3-10-year-old division of the Club Med Junior Open in Port St. Lucie July 23. Sponsored by the Treasure Coast Junior Golf Association, the tournment drew 110 participants aged 3-18.

pastors in the Glades who signed the Declaration of Eradication of HIV, committing to breaking the silence on HIV, will be commended and encouraged during the confer-

The pastors with the help of just a few dedicated volunteers kept the a few dedicated volunteers kept the SHIP Spirit alive throughout this past year, bringing HIV education to their congregations, encouraging HIV testing and promoting com-passion for those who are infected, said Alyx Schaffer, SHIP coordina-

tor. Since Jan. 2, the signed Declaration of Eradication of HIV has been passed from church to burch within-the tri-city area of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee every two weeks. Upon arrival, the declaration is read to the congregation and an HIV education workshop is scheduled and conducted by trained SHIP volunteers. During the following Sunday sermon, the pastor promotes the importance of knowing HIV facts

Wrisper joins the Army

Katrina J. Wrisper has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The pro-

gram gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, trayel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward

and having compassion for the infected. Once a month, pastors, volunteers, members of the congregations and community, law enforcement and political leaders conduct SHIP Spirit 2000 Street Revival Outreach, bringing HIV education to the inner heart of the community.

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diers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty. The recruit qualifies for a \$4,000 enlistment bonus.

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Ms. Wrisper, a 1995 graduate of Glades Central High School, Belle Glade, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training Aug. 31.

She is the daughter of Elouise N. and Jimmie L. Wrisper of Belle Glade.

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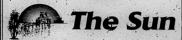
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